

JULY 14, 2024 8:15AM 1 10:30AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

HE EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOLY COMFORTER

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

Please complete the information card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers.

WE. THE PEOPLE OF HOLY COMFORTER

Though very diverse politically and socially, care for each other and care deeply for how our faith is manifested in the community. We believe all people are equal in God's hand. Our nurturing congregation has an appreciation for diverse perspectives and opinions. We grow through a continually evolving and questioning discussion regarding our faith, God, and society. We welcome all, without reservation, into our Christian body to be part of a loving and sharing family.

WE CARE

Please call the church office at (336) 227-4251 if you or someone you know needs visitation, prayers or other assistance because of illness or inability to attend worship service.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN | 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA | S-280



Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

COLLECT

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 85:8-13 | Benedixisti, Domine



- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is U, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their <u>hearts to him</u>.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who <u>fear him</u>, * that his glory may dwell in our <u>land</u>.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met <u>together</u>; * righteousness and peace have <u>kissed each other</u>.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the <u>earth</u>, * and righteousness shall look down from <u>heaven</u>.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant <u>prosperity</u>, * and our land will yield its <u>increase</u>.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood. the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN | 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness



Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Jim Melnyk

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Officiant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI | BCP 392

The Reader and People pray responsively

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are

alone.

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world; **People** For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-

elect and for Sam and Jennifer our own Bishops; and for all

bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions

Reader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in

your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

GENERAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 393

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

A TRANSITION PRAYER FOR HOLY COMFORTER

Ever-present God,

You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.

We are not where we started.

We have not reached our destination.

We are discovering who we are and where we are going.

Transition is not a comfortable place.

May we continue to remind ourselves of the wonderful resources of this Church Sanctuary and a warm and welcoming congregation.

Be among us, we pray.

Calm our fears, save us from discouragement.

Encourage us to care for one another.

And help us to stay on course.

Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey toward calling a new Rector continues as a journey of trust, and faith and love. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Non Nobis, Domine William Byrd

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis Sed nomini tua da gloriam, Not to us, Lord, not to us But to Your name be the glory.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

The people remain standing.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

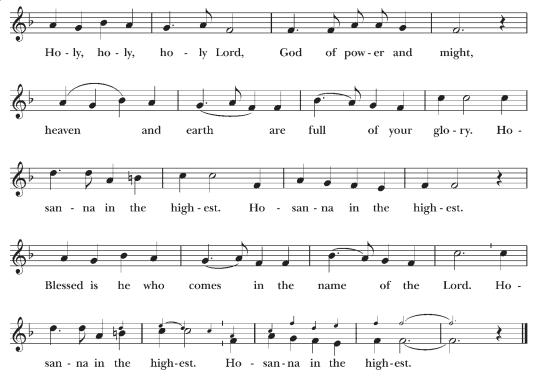
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS | S-125



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [______ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The choir will immediately sing the fraction anthem.

FRACTION ANTHEM | S-155



Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation.

The Gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Persons wanting a blessing instead of receiving bread or wine at the Altar may cross their arms over their chest.

COMMUNION HYMNS

601 O day of God, draw nigh





POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those attending remotely.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL | 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus



DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **People** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ALL ARE WELCOME FOR SUNDAY HOSPITALITY IN THE PARLOR AFTER THE SERVICE.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Bob and Sandy Moulton in thanksgiving of our vestry members for their thoughtful leadership during this transition.

JULY 7 SERVICE COUNT...... 8:15AM 16 | 10:30AM 68 | REMOTE 27

OFFICIANT The Rev. Jim Melnyk

LAY MINISTERS

VERGER Steven Swanner

ORGANIST Christin Baker

USHERS 8:15am - Derek Bates

10:30am - Sarah Moore, Micah Ash

READERS 8:15am - Julie Smith

10:30am - Cheryl Dickey, Colleen Stevens

ACOLYTES 8:15am - Curt Odem

10:30am - снацісіять - Kathy Hykes, Martha Stewart

crucifer - Paul Surratt

LEFT TORCH BEARER - Wesley Swanner

RIGHT TORCH BEARER - William Swanner

GOSPEL BEARER - Millie Surratt

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ALTAR GUILD Joanne McClusky, Cheryl Miner, Tish Murray,

Susan Ryan, Julie Smith, Nancy Smith

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE Susan Kern, Peggy Boswell, Margaret Egede-Nissen Steen Gorby, Peggy McMorick, Barbara Simpson



LETUN JULY 14, 2024 | YOUR GUIDE TO THE DFMS, PART 7

Throughout the summer, our bulletin inserts will feature resources available to you, your ministry, your congregation, and your diocese from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society - the formal, incorporated name for The Episcopal Church. Learn more by scanning each department's QR code or visit iam.ec/tecguide.

The Office of Indigenous Ministries offers support, guidance, and resources to the Indigenous people, faith communities, and dioceses of The Episcopal Church; it also provides guidance and resources to the church at large regarding relationships with Indigenous people. The Indigenous theological education coordinator provides education and training opportunities to Indigenous people in their preparation for ministry, either lay or ordained. Together these offices respond to the many needs and situations of Indigenous people and congregations within reservation



and urban metropolitan areas, bringing the Gospel of Christ to the center of the Sacred Circle.

- Use "A Disciple's Prayer Book" for worship with your small group and congregation.
- Learn about The Episcopal Church's history with and rebuke of the Doctrine of Discovery.
- **Check** out a webinar examining the church's role in the establishment and operation of boarding schools in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- **Hear** the perspectives of Indigenous Episcopalians and others on the effects of colonization.

The Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries embodies the Jesus Movement by fostering a church that is vibrantly multiethnic, multilingual, and multicultural. By 2030, one-third of the U.S. population will be Latino/Hispanic, most of whom are English-speaking. Our aim is to help The Episcopal Church offer a generous welcome to this growing population, so that they may find a spiritual home in a sacramental tradition that values the gifts of all people. We also envision a whole church enlivened by the leadership and spirituality of Latino/Hispanic Episcopalians. We support our increasingly diverse church by producing resources,



developing networks, and providing opportunities for formation of lay and ordained leaders.

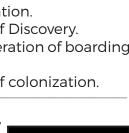
- Attend the Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency Course in person or online.
- Learn from the New Camino seminar about the future of Latin@ ministry.
- **Explore** the many resources available at LatinosEpiscopales.
- **Utilize** Sermones que iluminan; Spanish sermons, Bible studies.
- Attend Nuevo Amanecer, the hallmark biennial fiesta of Latino ministry.

Mission Personnel. The Episcopal Church offers two programs for those interested in exploring their faith in new ways alongside partners around the Anglican Communion: the Young Adult Service Corps (YASC), for those ages 21-35; and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission (EVIM), for those ages 36 and older. Both programs offer opportunities for mutual sharing of gifts and skills and developing meaningful relationships between individuals and communities around the world. Those called to this ministry fully embrace the Way of Love practice of "go" as they "cross



boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus" alongside fellow members of the body of Christ.

- **Learn** more about and follow our Young Adult Service Corps members stationed around the world.
- **Watch** videos and listen to the stories of young adult Episcopalians as they serve in a variety of ministries across the Anglican Communion.
- **Learn** about opportunities for Episcopalians ages 36+ to serve around the Anglican Communion for a few months or for one to two years.
- **Contact** our staff about interest in serving with YASC.
- **Contact** our staff about interest in serving with EVIM.



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